



## **SHERIFF LEROY BACA**

***Sheriff, Los Angeles County***

***Board Composition: County Sheriff in charge of a local detention facility  
which has a jail rated capacity of over 200 inmates  
(Appointed by the Governor)***

Sheriff Leroy "Lee" Baca was born in East Los Angeles. Sheriff Baca graduated from the University of Southern California with the Degrees of Master and Doctor of Public Administration. He earned a life-teaching credential K-14 from the California Board of Education and has taught public administration courses at California State University Long Beach and the University of La Verne, as an adjunct professor.

Sheriff Baca served in the Marine Corps Reserve; in 1965, he joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and rose through the ranks to the position of chief. In 1998, he was elected Sheriff of the County of Los Angeles.

Sheriff Baca has expanded the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) from 14,000 to 18,000 employees through progressive, constitutionally-based values, innovation, creativity and public trust programs. These 18,000 sworn and professional staff provide law enforcement services throughout Los Angeles County to forty-two incorporated cities, 140 unincorporated communities, nine community colleges, and thousands of Metropolitan Transit Authority and Rapid Rail Transit District daily commuters. He founded the LASD University program to improve the college education of his employees. Sheriff Baca also founded the first Education-Based Incarceration Program in the nation, which ensures a path to re-entry for all inmates. Sheriff Baca is a competitive runner.